

Sing a song of sixpence.
The game is getting deep,
Britton's looking for someone
To K. O. him to sleep.

Coach Spears Warns Men About Over Confidence

He wasn't much to look at.
Football was not his game.
But you can tell the whole darn
world
He had the school's best game.

REAL BATTLE IS AHEAD OF SQUAD ON THANKSGIVING

Mountainers Will Go to Club
at Mt. Chateau After
Practice Today.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 28.—The man responsible for West Virginia's great success on the gridiron this fall voiced his views concerning the Thanksgiving Day battle between the Washington and Jefferson College eleven and the Mountaineer machine to be staged here in a talk to his men after practice yesterday. Dr. C. W. Spears, the team's head coach is the man, and in his talk he warned his men that Thursday's game would be a "real" battle from the start and likewise the hardest on the whole schedule.

"It is useless for me to tell you what the W. & J. game means to us," he said, "as you all know that a victory over them will put us at the top of the football heap. I have heard that some of you fellows think they have 'gone to places.' You are going to find out differently Thursday, but I want you to realize it before then. Pitt and Detroit both defeated them in a decisive manner but you can expect to see them back in their old form Thursday—in trim and rarin' to go. It is obvious that the W. & J. team which lost to Pitt and Detroit is not the same eleven that trimmed Lafayette and held California to a scoreless tie. The W. & J. team we meet Thanksgiving is going to be vastly different from the one which lost its last two games.

"We have a chance to win—a fighting chance and we are going to have to battle all through that contest to hold our own. Some of you fellows know that Coach Neale would rather win from West Virginia than any team in the country. He will have plenty of 'surprises' in store for us and you are going to have to play better football than you have at any time this season if you expect to win. That's all, except that I want every man in shape when the whistle blows because we are going to need more of you before it's over."

University athletic authorities announced today that the whole squad would be taken to the Mount Chateau clubhouse on Cheat River after practice this afternoon. The players will remain there until shortly after noon Thursday when they will be brought to the gymnasium here to get ready for the game.

Much as the University authorities dislike to have athletes miss school they find that it is absolutely necessary to get the players away from Morgantown. No group of fans worship football players more than followers of the Mountaineers. The men are their idols and they never tire of associating with them. Last year several of the men who played against the Presidents had only four or five hours sleep the night before the game—fans and "old grads" keep them awake with their riotous shouting and talking. It is going to be worse than ever this year since every one who ever attended West Virginia is going to be back for the most important game in the school's history. They are due to start coming in tonight and if the players were allowed to remain in the city they would be pestered for two whole days.

At Mount Chateau the Spearsmen will live a life of peace and quiet. They may stage a short signal drill Thursday but this has not been decided upon as yet. The main purpose of the short trip is to keep the men away from the crowds. Trainer Cartmell will have complete charge of the squad while it is quartered at the club and hopes to have them in top form by Thursday. All visitors will be forbidden to enter the grounds and the whole place will be kept free from gossip and rumors which have been circulated here for three days.

H. H. ROSE TO MAKE THANKSGIVING TALK

Fairmont High School to Hold
Program Tomorrow Morning.

Featuring the Thanksgiving program which will be held in the Fairmont High School at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning will be an address by H. H. Rose and the reading of the governor's Thanksgiving proclamation by Miss Julia Mason.

The service will open with a prayer played by the school orchestra and this will be followed by the salute and pledge to the flag and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. The devotional part of the program will be conducted by the Rev. Roy J. Meyer, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church.

After the governor's proclamation is read the assembly will sing "America the Beautiful" and then Miss Martha Nuzum will read a poem by Whittier entitled "The Corn Song." The "Legends of the Indian Corn" will be told by Miss Helen Romano.

Miss Edith Hunsaker will sing a solo and the program will conclude with Mr. Rose's address.

Three Valuable Players on W. & J. Varsity



WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 28.—Washington and Jefferson boasts a great aerial game. It was by the forward pass route that Neale's team beat Lafayette after finishing the first half on the wrong end of a 13 to 0 score.

In Kopf, the W. & J. eleven has one of the best receivers of the forward pass in the country. Kopf is a brother of Larry Kopf, who starred on the Cincinnati team when it won the pennant, and the world championship in 1919. Kopf plays a fine game of baseball and handles the forward pass in approved diamond style.

In Weidner and Crook, Coach Neale has two great forwards who have more than held their own against the stern opposition that W. & J. has faced this year.

PUNTS AND PASSES

By LARRY.

Final Game.

Frank Ice and his Fairmont High School eleven will play their final game of the season tomorrow afternoon, meeting the speedy Victory High School team at South Side Park. The kickoff will be at 3 o'clock, and a large crowd will likely see the final scholastic contest of the season in this section.

While Victory's record this year is not as impressive as it might be, the lads from Clarksburg will likely be in the best of shape for the game with the Ice men. That the Victory team can play football when it is going right is shown by the fact that they held the strong Washington-Irving eleven to a close game of the season tomorrow afternoon, meeting the speedy Victory High School team at South Side Park. The kickoff will be at 3 o'clock, and a large crowd will likely see the final scholastic contest of the season in this section.

Another big scholastic game tomorrow that is attracting a great amount of attention is the battle between Washington-Irving and Huntington, the game being booked for Clarksburg. The largest crowd that ever witnessed a scholastic game in that city will be on hand for the battle, which from all indications promises to be one of the greatest in the history of the game. Hite's men are determined to take the measure of the lads from the lower end of the state and it will be a battle royal from start to finish.

It is accepted as a foregone conclusion in the East that this is John Heisman's last year as head coach at Penn. in spite of the fact that the present season, with victories over Navy and Penn State and a 6-7 score with Pitt, is the best the Red and Blue has experienced in years. Aside from Pitt, Alabama alone has beaten Penn and then by a margin of only 9 to 7, and this game is not regarded as cutting very much of a figure. Penn has a chance of beating Cornell Thanksgiving Day if the old Quaker jinx over the Big Red will only relax a little bit, and if this should happen, Old Penn would be justified in retaining Heisman. However, the hope is that the slide already has been greased for the former Georgia Tech mentor and that he is due to go and knows it. It is believed he will go to Alabama, to succeed Yen Scott, who defeated him this season, but has resigned his position. Maybe this would be the best thing for Heisman after all, for it was in the

GOOD COACHING IS GREAT NEED

McMillan Tells of Growth of
Football in Southern
Sections Now.

By "BO" MC MILLIN
All-America Quarterback

For many years the general impression in the North and the East has been that football in the South was far below that of the other sections. The far west was also left out in the rating of the different teams for a long time. This is hard to believe now, though, on account of the progress shown in these sections in the past several years.

The slowness of the South to grasp the importance of football can be explained to some extent. For a long time the teams in the East would engage graduates of their own system as coaches of their own teams. The same method has been followed in the South until just a few years ago. The South was the longest in getting away from this plan and they have not advanced in the progress of the game as rapidly as the teams of the East. But at the present time the South has come into its own along football lines and will be heard from in all ratings from now on.

The open style of play has advanced the game to a great extent and has allowed the smaller institutions a better chance to cope with the larger ones. It has developed many new methods and systems of play which have caused the teams to break away from the alumni system of coaching.

About the only ones using this entirely new style are the members of the big three and they would probably be better off if they would broaden out just a little. This has been proven by the way Centre and some of the other smaller institutions have been able to score two or three touchdowns against these teams.

Must Mix 'Em Up

You will recall that the Centre line last year showed a big improvement over the year before. The secret of this was the coaching of "Tiny" Thornhill from the University of Pittsburgh. Then there is Jones of Iowa, who is a Yale man going great in the West. At Cornell, you have a graduate of the Minnesota system in Dobie. Then in the South there is Stegman at Georgia, who is a Chicago man. Kline of Illinois is at Florida and so on down the line. I think there has been a real

ization that the old 'home town system' can be improved upon. If they will only go to the proper place to get it. They have found that the other teams have some good points in their systems and that it will be well worth while to mix things up a little and to learn something new.

As a result of this new era in football the South is coming to the front and from now on will be competing with the best teams in the North and the East for recognition. Centre, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia have been making creditable showings with the big ones for the past few years. '11's season the University of Alabama has jumped into prominence with her win over Pittsburgh. Several of the other southern teams have journeyed north and have made creditable showings. Much of this is due to the advancement of the game and the studying of the new methods developed by the various schools.

FLOOR PRACTICE GETTING STARTED

Twenty-Five Candidates Out
for Farmington High's
Basketball Team.

FARMINGTON, Nov. 28.—Basketball practice at Farmington High School will get into full swing this week. The squads, both the boys and the girls, began their initial workouts last week but no work of a serious nature was attempted. This week, however, things will begin in earnest. The practice schedule calls for the girls to practice four times a week and the boys five. The Thanksgiving holidays will interfere with this schedule somewhat, but the work will not be lessened on that account.

If the number of candidates will warrant it, a class league will be formed among the boys and a schedule played off to determine the school championship, before any attempt is made to pick a squad or first team. At present, there are only about twenty-five candidates out, and this number, while being sufficient for five teams, without substitutes, is not enough to warrant attempting a class league. It is highly probable that more candidates will come out later, though. Unless something of this sort is attempted, athletics around the school will be rather tame until after the first of the year, for it is not probable that any games with other schools will be played until that time.

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